States subject to a maximum of Rs. 75 lakh. The Scheme for Food Park provides 25% and 33.33% for general areas and difficult areas respectively, including Assam and North Eastern States, subject to a maximum of Rs. 4 crores. The Ministry also implements schemes for R&D, HRD and for promotional activities in the North East.

Projects for food processing units in Gujarat

1334. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the projects and other resources provided to the State of Gujarat in the matter concerning food processing during the last five years;

(b) whether Government are aware of great scope for establishing processing units in North Gujarat for the products of isabgul and carrot; and

(c) the facilities to be provided by Government if local industrialists come forward for establishing such units in North Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) During the last five years, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries provided financial assistance of Rs. 1301.15 lakh to 42 implementing agencies in the State of Gujarat under different Schemes of this Ministry in Sectors like Oil Milling, Rice Milling, Pulse Milling, Bakery, Fruit & Vegetable, Deep Sea Fishing & Fish Processing, Consumer Industries, Milk processing, Sectoral Economic Service, Research & Development, etc. Under the Scheme of Technology Upgradation/Establishment/ Modernization of Food Processing Industries, the Ministry provides for financial assistance at the rate of 25% on Technical Civil Works and Plant & Machinery subject to a cap of Rs. 50 lakhs in general areas. This assistance shall be available to industrialists applying through the State Nodal Agency as per requisite norms and procedures.

Projects for NER

1335. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects sanctioned by Government in North Eastern Region during 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 indication the fund allotted, project-wise and State-wise;